



## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**[OMB Number 1121-0312]**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested;**

### **Revision of a currently approved collection: 2018-2020 Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems (SSCHIS)**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register at Volume 83, Number 211, page 54780, October 31, 2018, allowing for a 60-day comment period; and Volume 84, Number 23, page 1506, February 4, 2019, allowing for a 30-day notice. This notice is being published to seek public comments on changes to the survey instrument proposed for the 2020 collection.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

#### **ADDRESSES:**

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

- 1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently collection approved collection. The 2020 survey instrument is being revised to include new questions and remove others.
- 2) *The Title of the Form/Collection:* 2018-2020 Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems (SSCHIS).
- 3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form number is N/A. The applicable component

within the Department of Justice is the Bureau of Justice Statistics, in the Office of Justice Programs.

- 4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Respondents are state government agencies, primarily state criminal history record repositories. The SSCHIS report, the most comprehensive data available on the collection and maintenance of information by state criminal history record systems, describes the status of such systems and record repositories on a biennial basis. Data collected from state record repositories serves as the basis for estimating the percentage of total state records that are immediately available through the FBI's Interstate Identification Index (III), and the percentage of arrest records that include dispositions. Other data presented include the number of records maintained by each state, the percentage of automated records in the system, and the number of states participating in the National Fingerprint File and the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact which authorizes the interstate exchange of criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes. The SSCHIS also contains information regarding the timeliness and completeness of data in state record systems and procedures employed to improve data quality.

- 5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The total number of respondents is 56. The average length of time per respondent is 6.5 hours. This estimate is based on the average amount of time reported by five states that reviewed the survey.

6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The

total burden associated with this collection is estimated to be 364 hours.

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